

GEORGE A. CLIFT SR. AND SARAH NETTIE CLIFT



Son of Geo. W. and Amanda Faucett Clift.

Born April 12, 1851, Provo, Utah.

Died Jan. 7, 1938, buried in Heber.

Sarah Nettie Clift was born Oct. 11, 1856, Nevada.

Married May 3, 1874.

Died June 19, 1945. She was 88 years old.

George A. Clift, born in Provo, Utah, was one of 11 children. He came to Midway with his parents while a small boy. There he later met and married Sarah Nettie, daughter of Henry S. Alexander, May 3, 1874 in the Salt Lake Endowment House. They were parents of nine children, three boys and six girls. All lived to man and womanhood.

In his early life he lived in Park City and worked 15 years in a large Silver Mine as an engineer. Mrs. Clift lived much of that time in their home in Heber, Utah.

In 1895 George Clift bought a farm in Daniel where they lived many years.

Geo. A. served a mission for LDS Church two years in the South Central States. He served as counselor to Bishop of Daniel for six years and was a member of the school board.

Later he moved to Heber for their children's schooling. Their home burned in 1910 but was soon rebuilt by the help of good people of Heber Valley. There they lived until their death.

George A. participated in the Black Hawk War and was deputy sheriff in Heber many years until hurt in auto accident from which he never fully recovered. He was always a devout Mormon, a High Priest. When he died in his home, he was 87.

Sarah Nettie Clift was born in Genoa, Nevada, Oct. 11, 1856, where her father with others was called to colonize that part of state. she was 10 months old before her father, who was called into Johnston's army to help quiet the Indians, ever saw her.

They returned to Utah and settled in Mill Creek until Nettie was eight years old. They then moved to Wanship, Summit County, Utah. While there Nettie saw the first train that came to Echo, Utah. She also saw "Black Hawk" sitting in a circle of prominent men in their home, all smoking the "pipe of peace" while signing agreements or documents.

Nettie also attended Brigham Young's private school in Salt Lake. A classmate was Augusta Winters Grant, wife of President Heber J. Grant, president of LDS Church, as well as the Young family.

Three of her children were born in Midway. She was a counselor in Relief Society, also President of YWMIA in Daniel.

Nettie and children experienced some very hostile times with Indians alone on farm while her husband was on his mission. When he returned they moved back to Heber for schooling of family and illness of her mother.

In the year 1944 her entire family (living) were with her on her birthday Oct. 11. In 1945 a sad year, six members of her family passed on, also a very dear friend, which left a lasting mark.

Aunt Nettie, lovingly called by all, was 88 and six months when she died suddenly and peacefully in her home, 19 June 1946. A daughter lived with her. She too is buried in Heber.

Children are: Sarah Stella Hicken, Lelia Luella Bond, George A. Jr., Ida Adell McDonald, Henry Monroe, Ruby M. Swan, Hazel D. McDonald, Frances J. Ainsley, William G.